

The invention claimed is:

1. A pedestal assembly for supporting a boat seat, comprising:

a first cylinder;

a second cylinder including a first end, an inner surface and at least one receiving member disposed on the inner surface and extending inwardly therefrom, the second cylinder telescopingly received within the first cylinder; and

a first bushing operably coupled to the first end of the second cylinder via at least one mechanical fastener received within the at least one receiving member of the second cylinder, and including at least one groove slidably receiving at least one receiving member and wherein the first bushing is adapted to telescopingly guide the second cylinder within the first cylinder.

2. The pedestal assembly of claim 1, wherein the at least one receiving member comprises a plurality of integrally molded, longitudinally-extending channels.

3. The pedestal assembly of claim 2, wherein the first cylinder includes a first end and at least one receiving member disposed on an inner surface of the cylinder and extending inwardly therefrom, and wherein the second cylinder further includes at least one longitudinally-extending outer channel disposed on an outer surface of the second cylinder; and further including:

a second bushing operably coupled to the first end of the first cylinder via at least one mechanical fastener received within the at least one receiving member of the first cylinder, and including at least one tab member aligned with the at least one outer channel, and wherein the second bushing is adapted to telescopingly guide the second cylinder within the first cylinder.

4. The pedestal assembly of claim 3, wherein the at least one receiving member of the first cylinder comprises a plurality of integrally molded, longitudinally-extending channels.

5. The pedestal assembly of claim 4, further including:

a yoke assembly coupled to a second end of the first cylinder by a plurality of mechanical fasteners received within ends of the channels disposed on the inner surface of the first cylinder.

6. The pedestal assembly of claim 5, further including:

a ring-shaped end plug coupled to a second end of the second cylinder by a plurality of mechanical fasteners received within ends of the channels disposed on the inner surface of the second cylinder.

7. The pedestal assembly of claim 1, wherein the first cylinder includes a first end and at least one receiving member disposed on an inner surface of the cylinder and extending inwardly therefrom, and wherein the second cylinder further includes at least one longitudinally-extending outer channel disposed on an outer surface of the second cylinder; and further including:

a second bushing operably coupled to the first end of the first cylinder via at least one mechanical fastener received within the at least one receiving member of the first cylinder and including at least one tab member aligned with the at least one outer channel, and wherein the second bushing is adapted to telescopingly guide the second cylinder within the first cylinder.

8. The pedestal assembly of claim 7, wherein the at least one receiving member of the first cylinder comprises a plurality of integrally molded, longitudinally-extending channels.

9. The pedestal assembly of claim 8, further including:

a yoke assembly coupled to a second end of the first cylinder by a plurality of mechanical fasteners received within ends of the channels disposed on the inner surface of the first cylinder.

10. The pedestal assembly of claim 1, further including:

a ring-shaped end plug coupled to a second end of the second cylinder by a plurality of mechanical fasteners received within ends of the channels disposed on the inner surface of the second cylinder.

11. A pedestal assembly for supporting a boat seat, comprising:

a tubular-shaped first pedestal member;

a tubular-shaped second pedestal member telescopingly received within the first pedestal member; and

a pneumatic cylinder operably coupled to the first pedestal member and the second pedestal member for telescopingly actuating the first pedestal member and the second pedestal members relative to one another, the cylinder including an actuator switch, wherein the cylinder is actuated by moving the actuator switch in a relatively transverse direction with respect to a longitudinal axis of the cylinder.

12. The pedestal assembly of claim 11, further including:  
a cable operably coupled to the actuator switch.
13. The pedestal assembly of claim 12, wherein the cable includes at least one end remotely located from the first and second pedestal members.
14. The pedestal assembly of claim 12, further including:  
an actuator handle pivotably coupled with a select one of the first and second pedestal members and operably coupled with the cable.
15. The pedestal assembly of claim 10, further including:  
an actuator handle pivotably coupled with a select one of the first and second pedestal members and operably coupled with the actuator switch of the cylinder.
16. A pedestal assembly for supporting a boat seat, comprising:  
a first cylinder including an inner surface and a plurality of longitudinally-extending channels disposed on the inner surface;  
a second cylinder including a first end, an inner surface, an outer surface, a plurality of longitudinally-extending channels disposed on the inner surface, and a plurality of longitudinally-extending grooves extending into the outer surface, the second cylinder telescopically received within the first cylinder;  
a first bushing operably coupled to the first end of the second cylinder via a plurality of mechanical fasteners received within the plurality of channels disposed on the inner surface of

the second cylinder, and including a plurality of grooves slidably receiving the channels on the inner surface of the first cylinder, the first bushing adapted to telescopingly guide the second cylinder within the first cylinder;

a second bushing operably coupled to a first end of the first cylinder via a plurality of mechanical fasteners received within the channels of the first member and including a plurality of tabs slidably received within the grooves of the second cylinder and the first bushing; and

a pneumatic cylinder operably coupled to the first cylinder and the second cylinder for telescopingly actuating the first cylinder and the second cylinder relative to one another, the cylinder including an actuator switch, wherein the cylinder is actuated by moving the actuator switch in a relatively transverse direction with respect to a longitudinal axis of the cylinder.

17. The pedestal assembly of claim 16, further including:

a yoke assembly coupled to a second end of the first cylinder by a plurality of mechanical fasteners received within ends of the channels disposed on the inner surface of the first cylinder.

18. The pedestal assembly of claim 16, further including:

a ring-shaped end plug coupled to a second end of the second cylinder by a plurality of mechanical fasteners received within ends of the channels disposed on the inner surface of the second cylinder.

19. The pedestal assembly of claim 16, further including:

a cable operably coupled to the actuator switch.

20. The pedestal assembly of claim 19, wherein the cable includes at least one end remotely located from the first and second pedestal members.

21. The pedestal assembly of claim 19, further including:

an actuator handle pivotably coupled with a select one of the first and second pedestal members and operably coupled with the cable.